

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the instant response. Claims 14-20 remain pending in the case. Claims 1-13 are rejected. Claims 14-20 are allowed. Claims 1-13 are cancelled herein without prejudice.

EXAMINER INTERVIEW SUMMARY

On February 8, 2006, Matthew J. Blecher, Attorney for the Applicants, and Examiner Zachary Pape participated in a telephonic interview to discuss the rejection of Claims 1-13. Examiner Pape indicated that cancelling Claims 1-13 would place the application in condition for allowance without the need for the Applicants to submit a Request for Continuing Examination (RCE).

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 14-20 are indicated by the Examiner is being allowed. Applicants wish to thank Examiner for allowing Claims 14-20.

35 U.S.C. §102(b)

Claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by United States Patent 6,301,779 by Azar, hereinafter referred to as the "Azar" reference. Claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13 are cancelled. Therefore, a discussion of the rejection of Claims 1-6, 8-11 and 13 is moot at this time.

35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 7 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Azar in view of United States Patent 5,763,950 by Fujisaki et al., hereinafter referred to as the "Fujisaki" reference. Claims 7 and 12 are cancelled. Therefore, a discussion of the rejection of Claims 7 and 12 is moot at this time.

CONCLUSION

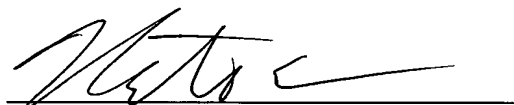
Based on the remarks presented above, Applicants respectfully assert that no claims remain rejected in the present application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of the present application.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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